Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554

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In the Matter of) WTB Docket No. 17-17
) FRN: 0016049017
ACUMEN COMMUNICATIONS)
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Licensee of Various Authorizations in the) Application File Nos. 0005614865,
Wireless Radio Services) 0005834762, 0005839763,
) 0005840938, 0005962267,
Applicant for Modification of Various) 0006039610, and 0006823865
Authorizations in the Wireless Radio Services)
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Applicant for Renewal of Authorization in the)
Wireless Radio Services)
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Issued: April 10, 2017 Released: April 10, 2017

This case was designated for hearing by *Order to Show Cause, Hearing Designation Order and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing*, DA 17-33, released January 10, 2017 (*HDO*), issued under delegated authority by the Deputy Chief, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. The issues seek to determine "whether Acumen repeatedly made misrepresentations to and lacked candor with the Commission" in failing to disclose the felony conviction of Mr. Hector Manuel Mosquera, an apparent principal of Acumen. *HDO* at 1, para. 2; *id.* at 6, para. 16. In fact, Mr. Mosquera himself signed the fifty (50) application forms at issue in this proceeding, all of which denied that "the Applicant or any party to this application, or any party directly or indirectly controlling the Application, [has] ever been convicted of a felony" *Id.* at 2-3, paras. 5 & 6.

On April 4, 2017, a Show Cause Hearing was held to give Acumen the opportunity to show cause as to why, *inter alia*, Acumen failed to file a Notice of Appearance and failed to

¹ The *HDO* asserts that Mr. Mosquera "was apparently convicted in March 1992 of possession for sale of a controlled substance, in violation of California Health Safety Code Section 11351, and sentenced to serve two years in California State Prison." *HDO* at 3 para. 7. *See* Attachment A (Abstract of Judgment – Prison Commitment).

² It is noted that the Commission has pledged that it "regards drug trafficking as a matter of the gravest concern" and will "take all appropriate steps, including initiation of license revocation proceedings, where information comes to our attention that FCC licensees or their principals have been convicted of drug trafficking." *Comm'n Clarifies Policies Regarding Licensee Participation in Drug Trafficking*, 4 FCC Rcd 7533 (1989) (citation omitted). The Commission further stated that "drug trafficking convictions fall within the scope of conduct the Commission may consider under existing policy in the broadcast area." *Id.* (citation omitted). *Cf.* 21 USC § 862 (denial of federal benefits, which would include a Commission license or authorization, to convicted drug traffickers and possessors).

appear at the Status Conference held on March 21, 2017. *See Order*, FCC 17M-10 at 1-2 (rel. March 23, 2017). No one appeared on behalf of Acumen at the Show Cause Hearing on April 4, 2017. Nor did Acumen otherwise signal its intent to participate.

Acumen was warned by the Presiding Judge on the record and in *Order*, FCC 17M-10, "that if it again fails to appear or otherwise fails to address these questions, it will be considered to be in default and a bench dismissal may happen." *Id.* at 2. By failing to appear at the Show Cause Hearing and otherwise failing to file a Notice of Appearance,³ Acumen has waived the right to be heard and is now in default.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the captioned applications filed by or on behalf of Acumen, including but not limited to those for modification and renewal, ARE DENIED with prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all current licenses and related authorizations for which Acumen is the licensee ARE REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this proceeding IS TERMINATED.

This case is now CERTIFIED to the Commission in accordance with 47 CFR § 1.92.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION⁴

Richard L. Sippel Chief Administrative Law Judge

Richard Lippel

³ Section 1.221(c) of the Commission's Rules provides, in pertinent part, that where an applicant fails to file a written appearance within the time specified, its application "will be dismissed with prejudice for failure to prosecute." Likewise, the *HDO* states that, if Acumen fails to file a written appearance within the requisite time period, "the captioned application shall be dismissed with prejudice for failure to prosecute." *HDO* at 7, para. 19.

⁴ Courtesy copies of this Order will be sent via certified U.S. mail on issuance to the parties listed in the HDO (DA 17-33), released January 10, 2017.

Attachment A

ABSTRACT OF JUDGMENT - PRISON COMMITMENT

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